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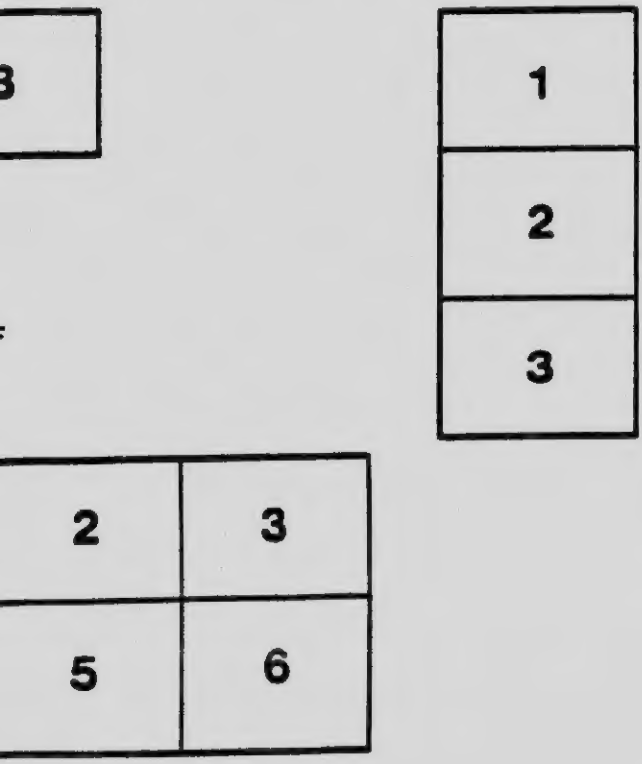

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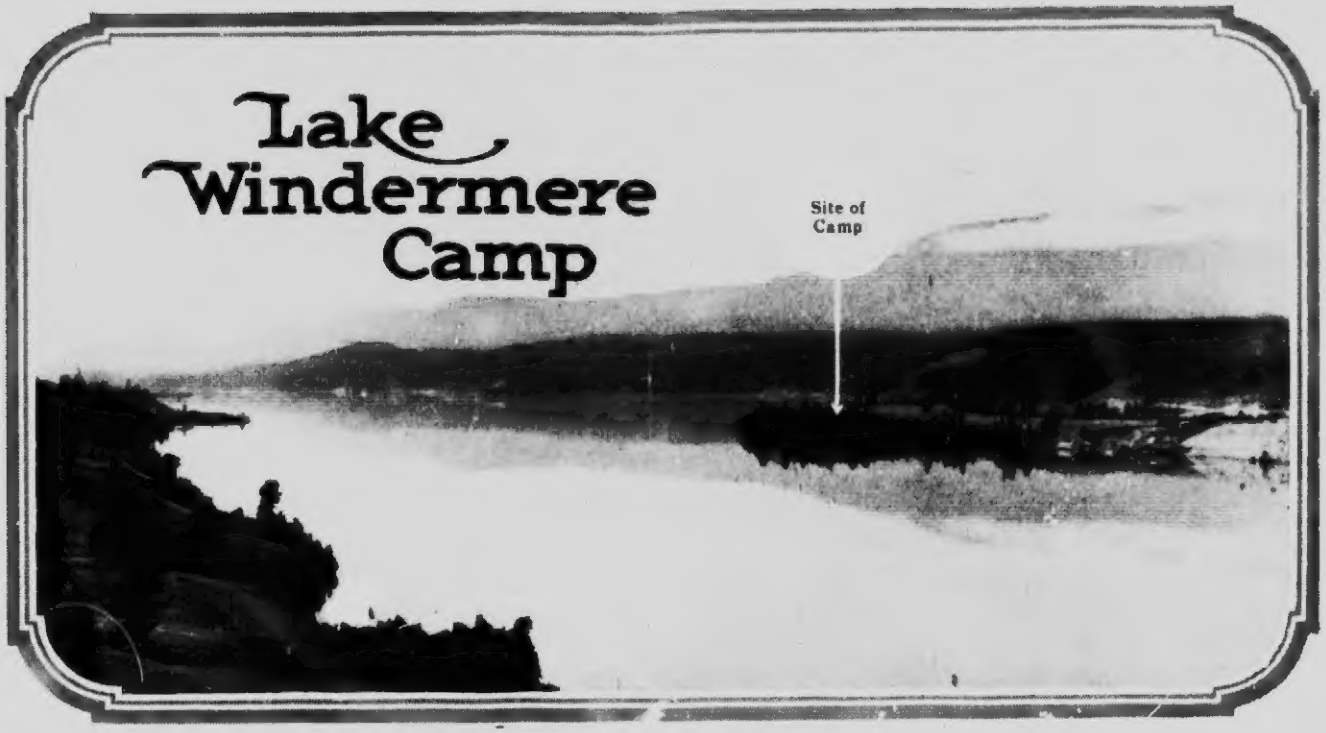


Lake Windermere Camp
In the Upper Columbia Valley, British Columbia

TO afford increased facilities for the accommodation of tourists at one of the beauty spots in the Canadian Pacific Rockies, an attractive, rustic cabin camp on the shore of beautiful Lake Windermere, in the upper Columbia Valley, will be open for guests, commencing July 1st.

It will be known as " Lake Windermere Camp " and consist of twenty-five rustic-type cabins for living purposes, with a central club house for dining, dancing and social recreation generally. Each cabin will contain two single military cots.

Rates, on American plan:—

$4.50 per day for transients.
$4.00 per day for stay of a week or longer.
Children under eleven years—half price.

The Camp will be operated by the Invermere Hotel Company, Lake Windermere, B.C., to whom requests for reservations should be made.

The site of the camp lies along a natural terrace directly overlooking and commanding a magnificent view of Lake Windermere, about one mile from the railway station of the same name, which is the detraining point. Transfer is made by means of automobiles, which meet all trains.

Lake Windermere station is located on the branch line of the Canadian Pacific Railway which traverses the upper Columbia River Valley, and can be reached from main transcontinental line to the north by way of Golden, or from Crow's Nest line to the south by way of Cranbrook and Colvalli. Trains are run from Golden Tuesdays and Fridays, leaving 2.45 p.m., arriving Lake Windermere 7 p.m. For connections at Golden with main line trains and at Cranbrook with Crow's Nest route trains, see C.P.R. Summer Service time-table folders.

Arrangements are being made for automobile service from Golden on days on which there is no train service.

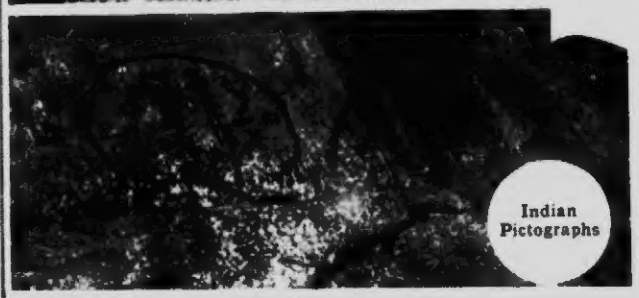
Between the main line of the Rockies and the subsidiary but equally spectacular Selkirk Range

Entrance to Sinclair Canyon

Banff-Windermere Road

THE automobile road now under construction between Banff and Lake Windermere, over the Vermilion Pass, has still an uncompleted gap of about forty miles but automobiles can go from Lake Windermere through the Sinclair Canyon to the summit of the Brisco Range, while light cars can go even farther down into the Kootenay Valley. A wonderful riding trip, with excellent fishing on the way, can be arranged VIA either the Vermilion Pass, or the Simpson Pass to Banff. The trip can be done comfortably in seven days. Guides are necessary, as the trails are rough in parts, and the crossing of the Kootenay River is sometimes difficult.

Iron Gates, Sinclair Canyon



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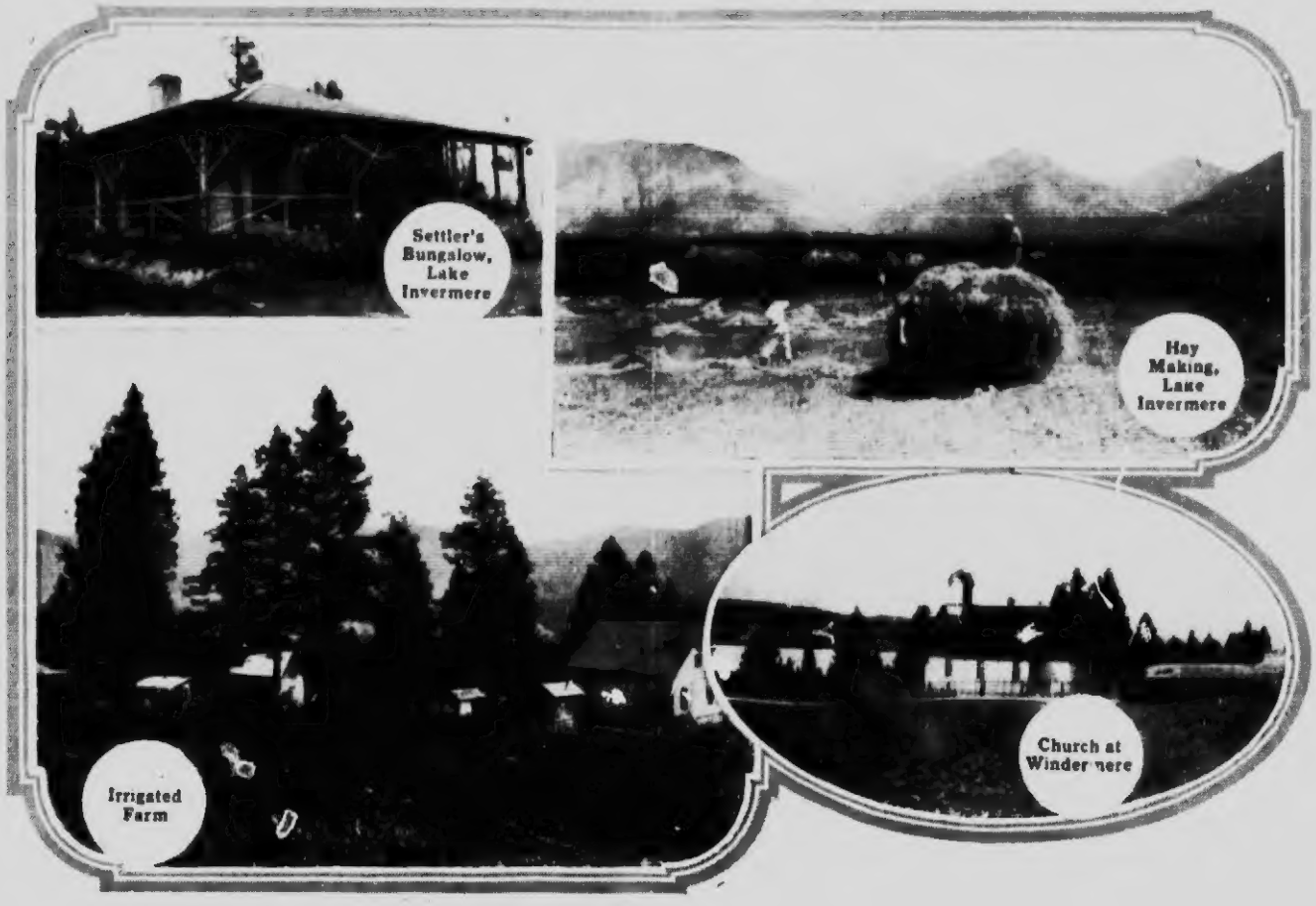
Sinclair Hot Springs

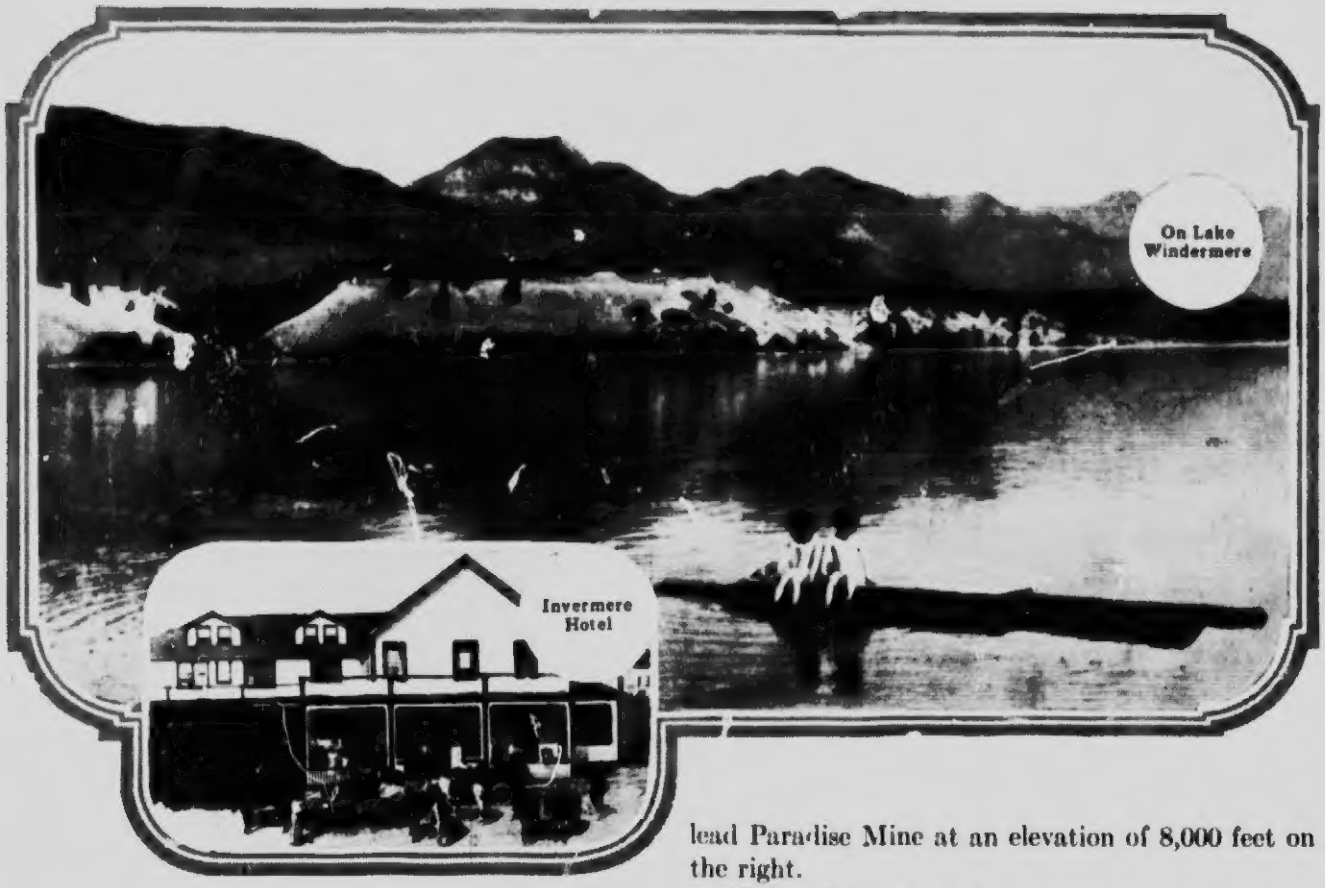
Lake Miriam, Sinclair Pass

Fairmont Hot Springs



lies a long and beautiful valley traversed by two rivers, the Columbia and the Kootenay, which eventually after curious turns and twists unite their streams far to the south. In this valley, half way between Golden on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Cranbrook on the Crow's Nest Branch, lies Lake Windermere, a warm-water lake over ten miles in length and from one to three miles in breadth. The lake is surrounded by bench land, much of which has recently been transformed by irrigation into good farm land; behind the benches are the foothills, and then the towering, jagged mountains typical of this region. Through a gap such as that of Horse Thief Creek one sees the peaks capped by eternal snow, and with the aid of auto and pony one can drive and ride on the same day from this fertile summerland to the foot of immense glaciers. Radiating from the lake into the surrounding mountains are creeks which have carved out canyons for themselves under rocky precipices, and along these canyons are mountain roads and trails made to the silver and lead mines of the Selkirks, or for the hunter and tourist over the passes of the Rockies. Two interesting hot springs are within easy access—Fairmont to the south, and Sinclair Hot Springs in the Sinclair Canyon, to the north. At the Sinclair Hot Springs a concrete swimming bath has been built, which attracts many visitors in the summer season on account of the curative properties of the water.

The peninsula on which Lake Windermere Camp has been located has already a well established nine-hole golf course, and owing to its pleasant terraces of shady trees and its sandy beaches is ideally situated for a summer vacation. In addition to golf, bathing and boating, mountain ponies of



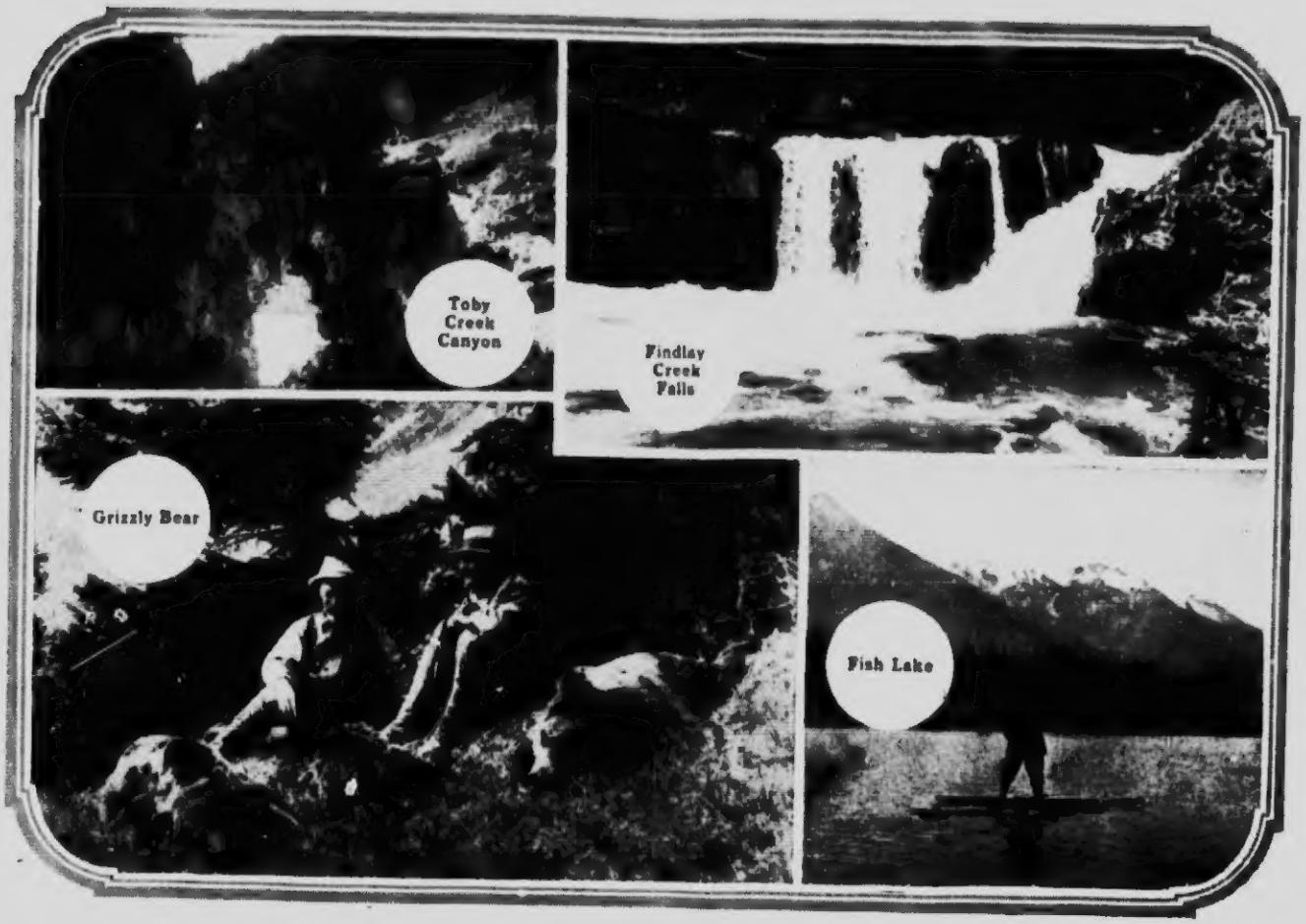
local breed are available for riding the trails, and the neighbouring village of Invermere has a garage with a fleet of automobiles for the excellent roads of the valley. In several of the creeks and smaller lakes within easy reach good trout fishing in season may be had. The water of Lake Windermere itself is too warm for trout, though it contains countless squaw fish, many of large size.

Among the many expeditions to be recommended are those up Toby Creek, Sinclair Canyon and Horse Thief Creek. Nine miles up Toby Canyon, Toby Creek is spanned by a spectacular bridge three hundred feet above the bed of the stream, uniting roads on either side so that a highly interesting round trip ride of eighteen miles can be made from Lake Windermere Camp. Beyond the bridge the road leads in the direction of Earl Grey or Wells Pass to Kootenay Lake with the well-known silver-lead Paradise Mine at an elevation of 8,000 feet on the right.

Horse Thief Creek is an easy gateway to very spectacular glacier country. One can drive by auto for eighteen miles, after which there is a pony trail leading direct up towards Horse Thief Creek with a new trail to the wonderful Lake of the Hanging Glaciers. Or one can branch up Mackenzie Creek to Iron Cap, where on a ridge at an elevation of 10,000 feet one has a magnificent panorama of 100 miles of snowclad peaks. Such trips, of course, imply the necessity of camping out for a night or two.

Sinclair Canyon can be reached by a [illegible], being about 16 miles by road from Lake Windermere Camp. Here there is a popular hot spring swimming pool, with pronounced curative qualities. The Banff-Windermere road has now been built past the Iron Gates (ironstained cliffs of enormous size) to the Summit of the Brisco Range, where there is excellent fishing in season at Miriam Lake.

Very interesting are the Hot Springs at Fairmont, bubbling up on a rocky terrace in an amphitheatre



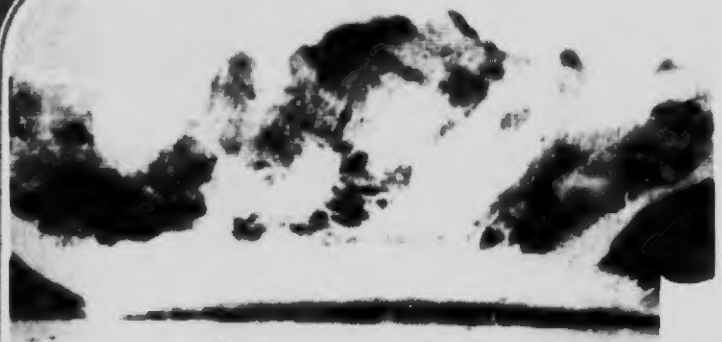
of mountains. Southwest of Lake Windermere, the road to Fairmont passes through an Indian Reserve consisting of prosperous farms.

For bathing and boating the waters of Lake Windermere are ideal. The summer temperature averages about 68°, and the water is crystal clear. There are several islands on the Lake, each tempting the explorer. The Columbia River itself is full of charm, winding through a maze of forest at the base of the mountains.

Lake Windermere is an outfitting centre for hunting goat, bear, and deer on the slopes of the Selkirks, and goat, mountain sheep, moose, bear and deer in the famous hunting grounds of the Kootenay Valley. There is excellent duck shooting in season along the flats of the Columbia Valley and partridge are plentiful in the tributary canyons.

Lake Windermere Camp is on the shores of a promontory which has a four-year-old golf club, the course of which is available for visitors to the Camp.

The fishing in the lakes and streams is best in spring or early summer or in the fall. The surface water of the lakes is apt to be too warm in July for fly fishing, and the streams are muddy with melting snow. In season, however, there is excellent trout fishing, for instance, at Fish Lakes or in Dutch Creek, while Premier Lake to the south is remarkable for landlocked salmon, which have been caught up to 14 pounds in weight.



Lake of the Hanging Glaciers

Seracs on Toby Glacier

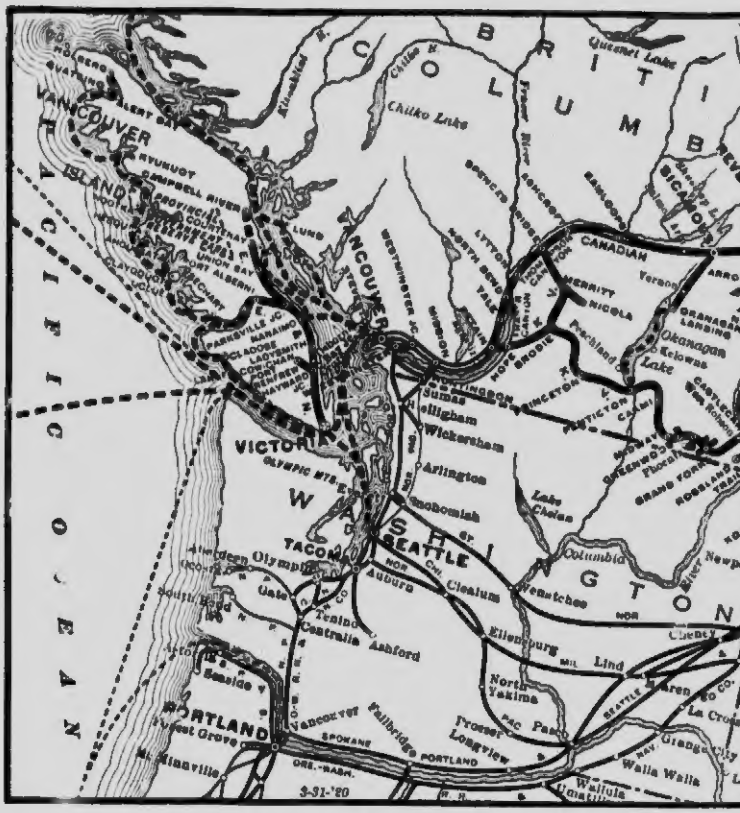
Glaciers of the Selkirks

WITHIN twenty-four hours' [illegible] from Lake Windermere by aut[illegible] pony, are some of the most spectacular glaciers in the world. These may be reached, for instance, by Horse Thief Creek, at the head of which a new trail is being cut to the Lake of the Hanging Glaciers (formerly Lake Maye). In the "National Geographic Magazine" for April, 1919, Mr. Herbert W. Gleason described this "lovely sheet of water, about two miles in length and a mile in width, completely surrounded by majestic mountains bearing a whole series of superb glaciers, from whose fissures and crevasses gleam sapphire tones of exquisite beauty."

Horse Thief Glacier

Ice Cave in Horse Thief Glacier

Earl Grey Pass



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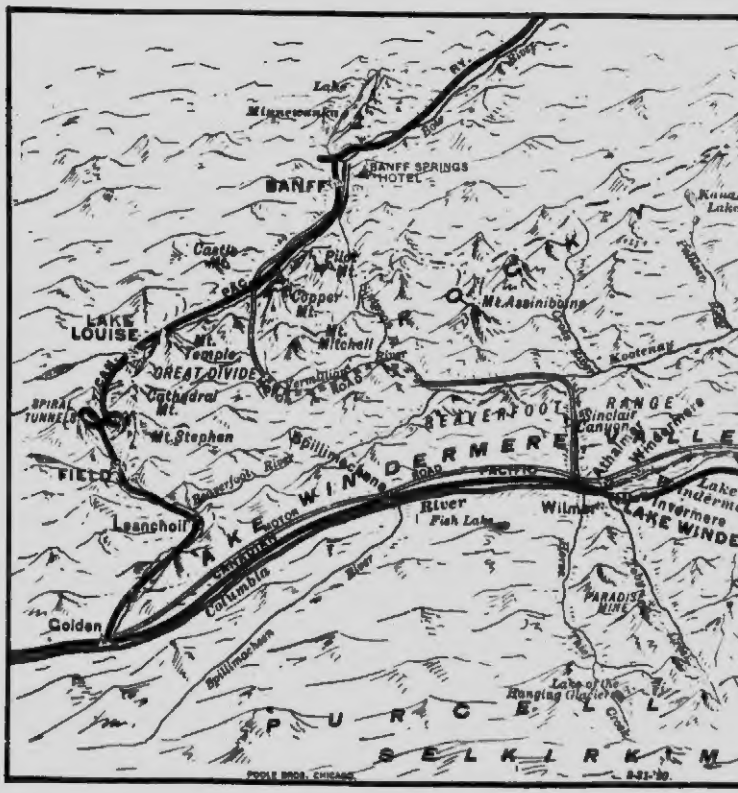

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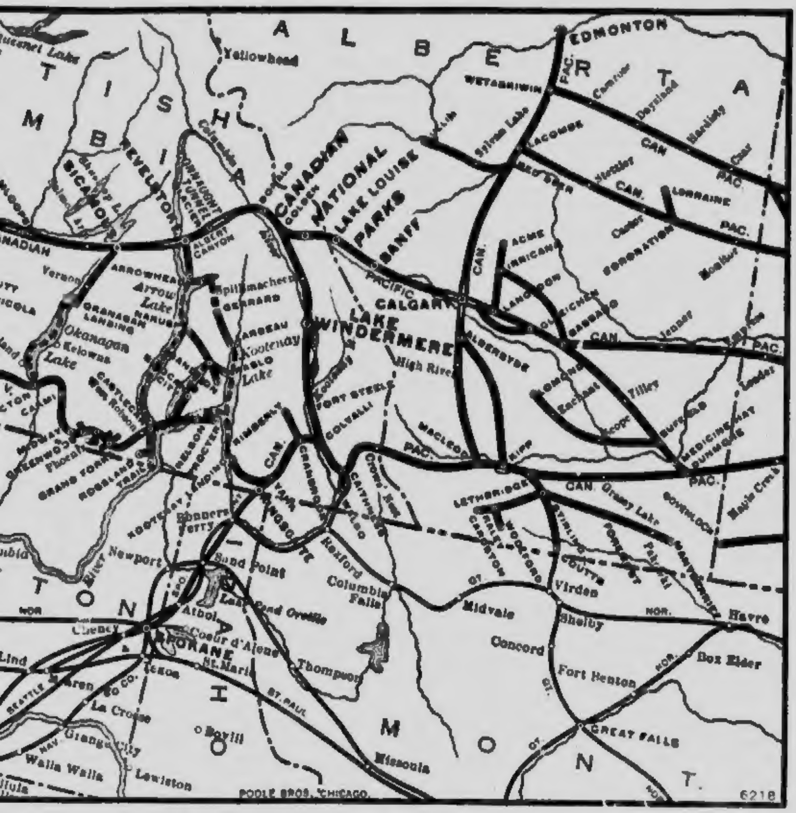

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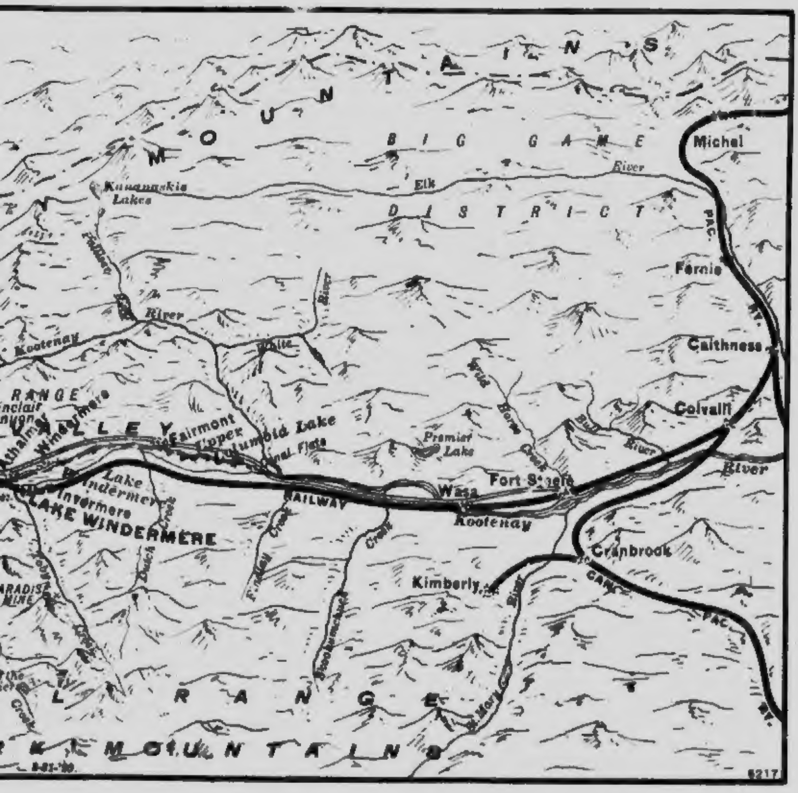

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